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RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 7X), City Central Lines, LLC-Abandonment Exemption-in Suffolk County, MA

Dear Secretary Williams:

The City of Chelsea, MA (the "City") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately a 2.17-mile rail line between milepost QBG-5.7 and milepost QBG-7.87 in Chelsea, Suffolk County, MA, in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expires on October 28, 2004. CSX Transportation, Inc., successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with the City, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with the City. Therefore, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to grant a six month extension of time to April 28, 2005 to negotiate trail use with City. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests an extension of the date to consummate the abandonment to June 28, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$300. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

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cc: Mr. Ash Mr. DePriest

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